# **SENATE**

. No. 544

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

#### Patricia D. Jehlen

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act eliminating age discrimination in the MassHealth program.

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	16th Suffolk
Brian A. Joyce	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
James M. Murphy	4th Norfolk
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk

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AN ACT ELIMINATING AGE DISCRIMINATION IN THE MASSHEALTH PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 12 of chapter one hundred and eighteen E is hereby
- 2 amended by adding at the end thereof, the following new language:
- 3 The Division shall ensure that the income and asset criteria for individuals over age
- 4 65 shall be no stricter than the income and asset eligibility for disabled individuals
- 5 under age 65 as of July 1, 2008.